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DEQ announces agreement with Calcasieu to help fight litter

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality signed an agreement with Calcasieu Parish announcing that \$40,000 will be issued to the parish police jury to use in its anti-litter campaign.

The money was paid to DEQ by John Charles Mazoch as part of a plea agreement he reached with the U.S. District Court in 2008. DEQ's Criminal Investigation Division assisted federal agents in the investigation of Mazoch that resulted in his felony guilty plea to conspiring with others to store, transport and dispose of hazardous waste without a permit.

Part of the plea agreement said the \$40,000 was to be used for "a Calcasieu Parish environmental project that must be approved by LDEQ Civil Enforcement Division." The parish will use the money to pay Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for overtime litter enforcement patrols; to provide funding for the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office for assistance in litter enforcement; and to purchase surveillance cameras to be used for litter surveillance.

The agreement can be found at www.deq.louisiana.gov